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ക്രമം 34—ാം വരെ ശ്രീ. തോമാസ്സ് മാഞ്ഞൂരാൻ.

ക്രമം 35—ാമ ശ്രീ. ടി. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമനോൻ.

PADDY ACQUISITION ORDER—PUBLICATION IN MALAYALAM

34. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Will Government be pleased to state—.

(*a*) whether the Cochin Paddy Acquisition Order has been published in Malayalam ;

(*b*) what are the means adopted by Government to make the paddy cultivators aware of the provisions of that order ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) With a view to facilitate reference, the Paddy Acquisition Order as amended, has been published both in Malayalam and English in 1120.

Advertisements inviting attention of the cultivators to the various returns to be submitted by them before and after the harvest have been published both in the local dailies and weeklies in 1119 and 1120.

Instructions regarding procedure to be adopted by the cultivators in the disposal of paddy as required in the Paddy Acquisition Order especially regarding pattam or michavaram paddy also have been published as stated above.

Printed copies of the instructions regarding the returns under the Paddy Acquisition Order (in Malayalam) have been supplied to all the Food Advisory Committees with a request to give publicity by distribution of the same among the public.

In addition to this the Village Officers have instructed to give necessary directions to the public. The above are the main methods adopted.

DISTRIBUTION OF QUOTA OF FOOD STUFFS

35. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any complaints have been received by the Government regarding the distribution of quota of food stuffs imported ;

(*b*) how were such complaints disposed of ;

(*c*) whether the quota is distributed at the discretion of the Director of Food Supplies or whether the Advisory Committee is consulted in the matter ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Yes. Generally from those applicants who could not be alloted quotas.

(*b*) In all deserving cases, quotas were given at the next earliest opportunity.

(*c*) The quota is distributed at the discrection of the Director of Food Supplies.

GOVERNMENT DEPOTS AND FAIR PRICE SHOPS— OPENING OF ON HOLIDAYS

36. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government depots and Fair Price shops are kept opened on Sundays and other holidays ;

(*b*) are Government depots and Government Fair Price shops kept opened throughout the day ;

(*c*) if not, from what time to what time are they kept opened ;

(*d*) is there any restriction of time for the sale or purchase of sugar, kerosene or any other commodity during the working hours of the depots ;

(*e*) whether it is necessary for a purchaser to give at the Government depots a duly filled up chalan for the sale price of the commodity purchased ;

(*f*) if not, is the Government aware that such a practice is going on at some of the depots ;

(*g*) whether bills are given for the purchase of articles from the Government depots ;

(*h*) whether the purchasers are sent back from the Government depots saying that a particular commodity will be sold only at a particular time ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

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(c) From 8 a.m to 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on week days and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays and other holidays.

(d) No restrictions except in the Vadakkancheri and Kunnamkulam depots where sugar sales have been restricted to 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 10 a.m. to 1-30 p.m. respectively.

(e) Yes.

(f) No answer necessary in view of answer to sub-division (e).

(g) No.

(h) No.

INSURANCE CLAIMS BY THE FOOD DEPARTMENT—PARTICULARS OF

37. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) is it a fact that the Food Supply Department failed to recover certain insurance claims as they were barred by limitation and that the amounts had to be written off the accounts;

(b) what is the total loss to Government on this account;

(c) who is responsible for this?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(a) No such case has occurred.

(b) & (c) In view of the answer to question (a) no answer is necessary.

SOCIETIES RUNNING RATION SHOPS IN THE YEARS 1118, 1119 AND 1120

38. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of societies that were running ration shops during the years 1118, 1119 and 1120;

(b) the number and names of societies if any that were refused permission to run ration shops?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(a) The number of societies that were running ration shops during the year 1118 : 31.
Do. 1119 : 34.
Do. 1120 : 40.

(b) 6 societies.

Their names are given below:

Names

1. The Y. M. C. A. Co-operative Society, Ernakulam.
2. Vadama Co-operative Society No. 48.
3. Ezhuva Co-operative Society No. 36, Koorkancheri.
4. Porathur Co-operative Society No. 142.
5. Veliyanad Co-operative Society No. 29.
6. Fish Marketing Co-operative Society No. 482, Kumbalangi.

VARTHUVITHA CROP—CHITTUR TALUK

39. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how much paddy did they collect from the Varthuvitha crop from Chittur Taluk;

(b) has there been any drought this year;

(c) what quantity did they collect under the head "Shrinkage";

(d) what was the rate at which this was collected;

(e) in collecting this who was the official valuer?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(a) 2,71,737 paras from last crop till 1st October 1945.

(b) The average rainfall was below the normal.

(c) 17,971 paras.

(d) As usual, shrinkage up to a maximum of 10 per cent has been collected. For half dried paddy only 5 per cent has been collected. In cases when the Tahsildar was satisfied that the paddy was both clean and dry, no *vasi* was collected.

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